

Study Question #6 - Outline

Matthew: "Gift of God"

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My Grandfather's testimony:

My Grandfather's prayer for me:

Was I dedicated? as a child

Karate

Swimming

Texas

Maine- the first and time and after

Shoa Long Clark

My desire to great

prophecies

at a young peoples meeting

Regionals

Internationals

Streets

Church music

After salvation:

- my first girlfriend
- contemporary music had a bad feeling
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What year was I born

I was so set in my ways, I just had no feeling really, life was just seemed so good to me. I was getting better and better in my karate ranks. In swimming I had just had a big, big year.

What year did we come to the church.

At a young age... I always liked the green Bible not because of the word but I just liked the way it looked. I think it was the amplified Bible.

I remember going to green memorial church up on monjoy hill.

Carrying the gold candle thing to light the candle and put it out at the end of the service

Their Sunday school I remember the donuts and the coffee
But my Sunday school teacher was good - always giving us these small scripture
cards
Wearing the robe for the choir
and being an assistant user

During karate during the summer years we would spend many hours practicing
during the day working on technique and etc... during lunch we would have a lot of
fruit, it was a second story building so out the back of the building we would sit
there and throw our fruit peelings out the window, we were trying to get a good
collection

I got my nose broken by a girl (maybe)

my grandmother's deathbed confession, and what she told me

going to my grandfather's funeral in India
a palm tree falling on my head
my friend emie talking about the fort between two pits filled with snakes - I don't
know if he was telling me the truth but I still wasn't getting near that.
going to the outhouse at night scared me to death

going richie elementary school
going shortly to king middle school
going to Christian Academy of Portland

Going to Texas

Coming back and slow getting involved with the tent meetings
sleeping in the eagle after coming off the plane from Texas
I was huge

my life living at the center

Youth Camp

Having the cigarette thrown at my neck to burn me

My call to preach

Sis Madline and her Sunday School Class

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I lived at the center for almost four years of my life.
I can remember going to church since I was little.

What year was my grandfather born?

My grandfather died in 1989.

I never met my grandfather and my grandfather never met me. (never saw me)

My grandfather was a business man. He sold rice patties something.

He was a good man of integrity; many times when he did not have any money people would come to him and give him food and money or even business. Telling him to sell than give me money instead of him buying it from them and than selling it and getting his money back and the very little profit to live from day to day. (He sounds like the middle man.)

Than he used to irrigation for the fields of crops. He had a contract to irrigated the fields.

A lot of the time it was so far away. Much and much walking, so far away

There is no retirement in India.

In his later life because of the dangers of walking so far and many times so late at night walking home through the water with snakes and stuff very dangerous; so that is why his son began to support and him. But he was always working; make no mistake. He did local work. Something with coconuts. What ever work he could do he would do.

They didn't have a home and with a few children already and his wife being pregnant. He began to fast and pray God supplied and the money came eventually for the house.

Many times he didn't have the money and people were threatening and coming to reposes his stuff.

One time he hid because he didn't have any money. And when the man came the children being little said and pointed or something and said he's not there but he was so he had to come out and talk to the guy - funny

One time the people had come to take the furniture and stuff and my grandfather's brother in law's sister came over some reason at the same time all this was happening and question him. She said why didn't you ask me? and she paid off the debt and God answered my grandfather's prayers.

My grandfather was saved a little after 1953 right after my mother was born.

He was against my mother at first, so against

My grandmother accepted Christ even though all of her family was against her doing anything of the such. And because she accepted Christ there was a rift in here family. where they just never talked to each other for such a lone time - her side of the family there was such a bad rift not between her and her husband.

Now she had prayed for her husband many times.

But God was tugging at his heart.

[The cashew tree, native to the Americas, is now widely cultivated in Asia (especially India) and Africa for its nuts and other products. It grows as high as 12 m (40 ft) and has leathery, oval leaves. The fragrant, reddish flowers grow in clusters, and the pear-shaped fruits, called cashew apples, are reddish or yellowish. At the end of each fruit is a kidney-shaped ovary, the nut, with a hard double shell. Between the shells is a caustic, black oil that has to be removed by a difficult roasting process; the oil is used in the plastics and varnish industries. Another roasting removes the second shell, freeing the nut. The trunk of the tree

yields a milky gum also used to make varnish. The sour fruits can be eaten after processing and are used in making condiments.]

One day he was praying under a cashew tree; and he said God if your real (cashews only fall when their really ripe) change this fruit on this tree to as green as it can be. No the fruit on this tree was all still and very red and unripe. And while he was praying a piece of green, ripe fruit fell on his head.

God was moving left and right on his behalf to show him he was a real God.

One day a preacher came to his house; and talked to him about Jesus and He received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

God moved many times and worked a many of miracles; just to supply food for the family. It was a big family.

My grandfather's marriage was an arranged marriage. She was 16 years old. My grandmother got saved after she got married.

Her parents had plenty of money. She wore a lot of gold and array and etc like that but when she got saved she took that all off and people realized that. And people were against her on that decision; people and her family. Even my grandfather was against her at first. She got saved at a convention

And was I born.

He used to go to Billy Graham crusades in Culictie, India

My Grand father got saved 1953

First thing in the morning 5 am everybody is up to pray

6 am the family gets together to pray/read the Bible; of that etc...

Nobody is called; you just get up and be there ready.

At night everybody got together at 6 pm. No exceptions, you were just there and you got all the errands that you needed to do done before than. Everybody has their homework done.

At 6pm they sang, each one read the Bible, than my grandfather would explain, It would take 1-2 hours.

Many times in the middle of the night 3am (sometimes both of them over 50%) my grandfather would be praying

A rule that my grandfather had was that before anyone left the house they would pray. No exceptions;

(for safety etc...) It didn't matter if they were Christians or not.

He was always praying that I would be a preacher/missionary like Billy Graham. To spread the word

Like Billy Graham because that was the only missionary he knew; Billy Graham used to come to India and he hold revivals.

Some reasons he prayed that so specifically for me. He didn't pray for anyone else to be a preacher; except me for some reason.

My Grandfather waited a long time to be filled with the Holy Spirit

My mom said: The spirit spoke to him and said before he would die he would be filled with the Holy Spirit

He was filled with the spirit in December and he died in January.

The church in India; first they pray for how many days to fast and than they fast

They fast and the whole church and they fast and pray for people to be filled with the spirit

One time he was at the brink of and death and they prayed and the Lord granted him more life.

This time the Holy Spirit said not to pray → So →

The same day he was dying. He knew he was dying. He did all his work for the day and he picked out his casket; nothing expensive; he didn't care about this old flesh - that week he got prepared.

My mom sister; she was at nursing school; so he went and brought her home and said if I die don't you cry.

He also wanted her to sing the song (By and By when the morning comes; when the saints of God are gathering home; we will tell the story; of how we've overcome; when we understand it better by and by.) at church for him. And to tape it.

He was very well known among the town. He was like a grandfather for many.

There are so many people in the church that only one person from the family can testify.

That Sunday my grandfather got up and testified and for a long time it was unusual. Then when he sat down, he slipped away from this old world to heaven. During the time he was testifying a man had a vision of a baby being taken home to heaven; now this man who had the vision didn't know anything about my grandfather and he didn't even know that my grandfather had passed away during the service;

My family knew he had passed away right after he had sat down. He testified and sat down and went to be with Jesus.

Everybody in the Indian churches sat on the floor. they didn't have pews or seats. My grandfather was not a preacher but he was an active Christian. He shared the his faith and the gospel to everyone he knew and could share it to Both in his life and with words. He went to every church meeting(that includes street meetings) that there was

My grandmother and her parents had a rift between them because she became a Christian against what her family religion was. So her parents didn't disown her but they just didn't talk. Nobody in my grandmothers family had ever been Christians. But because of the life that she lived and the example that she should of the life of Jesus and the mercy of God; some of her uncles and etc got saved. What was even more surprising was that there was a priest in the family who gave up his religion. (They were Jacobists.) He gave up his religion and gave his heart to Jesus and served the Lord.

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Have I been called to minister (servanthood)? **I believe I have been called to preach (minister, servanthood).** Though I can't say that there was a time when I heard God speak to me with an audible voice, calling me to preach. And really I don't have a clear distinction of a certain date when I can say I was called. I really believe the call of God grew in my heart when I was out in the streets preaching the gospel. Though it was cold outside, many times people mocking and sometimes more, out there is where I felt the peace of God even when there was just two of us. I started out just barely being able to say just one scripture and the Lord just help me grow to where preaching out in the streets is where I feel the most comfortable. Even at a young age my mom said I always like to pretend to be a preacher and I can vaguely remember that. But as I grew older sports became my life and church was a very small side note. But make no mistake church was always notable because my mom for as long as I can remember has always been a Christian and we always went to church. She was always singing God's praises and wanting to read the word. I can definitely remember that, almost every night that she was home we would pull out the song book and sing some songs, than pull out the bibles and read the scriptures (I always like the green Bible with the index on the side of it) and than pray.

But as I was saying church became just a “have to because mom said to”. Many times I slept in the pew; I can’t remember anything of what any preacher said. Except, there was one time when God’s spirit fell heavily during a convention. Bro. Humpries was preaching the nights. As I remember our church was met with a mighty visitation of God’s spirit and it was the strangest thing in the world to me, I thought they had gone crazy but I can remember it defiantly had my attention. So moving on, I had always said to my mom that I would get saved at thirteen years old, because that was the age that my mom got saved at. But when thirteen came I wasn’t ready. Life was really good so I thought, and I thought I had everything together. I had been in Karate for almost 7 years than and I was one of the top students there and I had earned my rank, they didn’t just give away belts there you had to earn them. Floor grappling was my main area, along with kickboxing, boxing, forms and techniques, and etc. Karate was good. Along with that I had just got first place in my heat (the butterfly) at the Maine State Swim Meet which was shocking and great (another story). And because of that I got the most improved swimmer. And home life was not bad at all for what I can remember of it. So I seemed to be all set, all at the age of thirteen. Boy was I in for a shock.

So without going into detail, my mother and father separated, and we had to move to Texas. Where I am sure was the hardest time of my life. I had lost all my identity of who I was and what my family was. I gained weight and failed in school and could not get along with anyone, to put it in a kind term. And to not make this assignment any longer I’ll move on.

Somehow my mom thought it would best to move back to Maine. A Miracle, because she left all her family and everybody in Texas there to support her, to Maine where there was really nobody. But not long after we were here I was having a mighty hard time too but God got a hold of my heart, and convicted my soul, and at convention I got saved. Praise God.

I can still remember everything about that message (Bro. Sunny Griswold preached the message Shattered Dreams, about Absalom thinking he would someday get to his pillar and die like a king but he never got there and etc...). Everything was different after that. Later God worked another miracle and brought my family back together.

But all that does not answer the question really.

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